

to the 10-year limitation is defaulted student loans owed to the U.S. Department of Education. This legislation would bring all other types of debt in line with the requirements for repaying student loans.

The U.S. government should have the ability to collect each and every debt. This money belongs to the taxpayers. No one should be able to avoid responsibility simply by waiting for an arbitrary time limit to expire. In times of tightening budgets, we cannot afford to allow delinquent debtors to shift their burdens onto taxpayers.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF RETIRED SGT. MAJOR BE-
NITO V. GUERRERO

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize retired Sergeant Major Benito V. Guerrero and his many years of service in our United States Army.

Mr. Guerrero was born north of New Braunfels, Texas on April 3, 1935. He began his military career very early as the Advisory President of his Junior ROTC Program at Jefferson High School in San Antonio, Texas.

Upon graduating high school, Guerrero joined the army in 1956. By 1959 Mr. Guerrero's airborne unit was deployed to Germany and became part of the 8th Infantry Division. Because Mr. Guerrero graduated in the top ten percent of his class at the 7th U.S. Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy, he was selected to attend the Federal Republic of Germany Airborne School in 1962.

Throughout his many years of service Mr. Guerrero has served all over the world and has received such awards as the Purple Heart with 1st Oak Leaf Clusters, the Meritorious Service Award, the National Defense Medal, and the Outstanding Noncommissioned Officer Award, just to name a few.

Retired Sergeant Major Benito V. Guerrero retired from the United States Army after over 30 years of honorable service to our Country. He is the epitome of dedication and professionalism.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had this opportunity to recognize the many achievements and service of Retired Sergeant Major Benito V. Guerrero.

A TRIBUTE TO LOUISE WILSON
LEWIS, 29TH CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE
YEAR—2005

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women during the month of March. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

I would like to recognize an outstanding woman in my Congressional District, Louise Wilson Lewis. For many years, Louise has brought an abounding spirit and energy to her service in the community. Those fortunate enough to meet and work with Louise instantly recognize her dedication toward helping others.

Born and raised in the Glendale area, Louise worked at Walt Disney Studios for 14 years until she cofounded Iwerks Entertainment. She was able to retire at an early age, which gave her more time to devote to her real career—helping other people.

Louise's description of herself as a "professional volunteer" is an apt one. She began her volunteer career while in elementary school as a math and reading tutor, and an assistant in the Vice Principal's office. At age 12, she started teaching Sunday School and continues to do so today. At age 16, Louise began volunteering as a candy striper at Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center. This year she is celebrating 42 years of continuous service, having served several terms as President of the hospital's Guild, on the hospital's Community Board of Directors, and is the first woman to chair the hospital's Foundation Board. In addition, she served 2 terms as President of the San Gabriel Area Council of Hospital Volunteers and 2 years on the Volunteer Board of the California Association of Hospitals and Health Systems. Louise also volunteers for Las Candelas, an organization which assists emotionally disturbed children.

Devoted to her church, St. Francis Episcopal Church, Louise has volunteered in every volunteer capacity—the Altar Guild, the Thrift Shop, Girl's Youth Group, Vacation Bible School, Rose Garden, Junior Warden and Senior Warden and is currently Bishop's Warden. She is also a Lay Eucharist Minister, a Stephen Minister, and in her spare time visits shut-ins and the elderly in retirement homes and convalescent hospitals.

Louise has received several awards over the years including the First Volunteer at Glendale Memorial Hospital to serve 500 hours at age 17, Uni-Health Hospital System Volunteer of the Year in 1997, recognition from the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, and the Glendale Young Women's Christian Association Woman of Heart and Excellence in 2004.

During the last few years, Louise has managed to maintain her active volunteer work while battling cancer. Her courage and determination is an inspiration to us all. Louise and her husband Tim have been married for 32 years and reside in Glendale.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Louise Wilson Lewis. The entire community joins me in thanking Louise for her success and continued efforts toward making the 29th Congressional District a more enjoyable place in which to live and work.

CONGRATULATING CANISIUS COL-
LEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
TEAM

HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Canisius College Golden Griffins Women's Basketball Team on winning the 2005 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Tournament on March 7, 2005. Their win over Marist College gives the "Griffs" its first-ever MAAC Championship and their first bid to the Division I NCAA Tournament.

The "Griffs" have had a truly remarkable season. After narrowly missing out on the MAAC Championship last season, Canisius capped their first 20-win season with a nail-biter in the MAAC Championship game. Their victory, like their entire season, was exemplified by a total-team effort. In the biggest game of her career, Becky Zak scored 12 points, three assists and two steals, and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Megan Lyte tallied 10 points and 11 rebounds, her seventh double-double of the season, and Jessie Lamparski registered 11 points, six boards, five assists and three steals. Jessica Steeves posted eight points, five rebounds and a blocked shot en route to joining Zak on the all-tournament accolades.

The accomplishment of the Canisius College Golden Griffins Women's Basketball team demonstrates the profound impact that Title IX has had on increasing opportunities in sports for women and girls. Title IX, part of the Education Amendments of 1972, required that public schools and colleges provide equal educational and athletic opportunities for girls and women. It has unquestionably been a tremendous factor in the lives of the talented members of this team.

It is important for girls and women to have every opportunity to succeed, especially when it comes to athletics. That is why I have introduced H.R. 595, the High School Athletics Accountability Act. This bill will require schools to report to the Department of Education basic data on the number of female and male students in their athletic programs and the expenditures made for their sports teams. Currently, high schools are not required to disclose any data on equity in sports, making it difficult for schools and parents to ensure fairness in athletics programs. Better information can help high schools and parents of schoolchildren foster fairness in athletic opportunities for girls and boys.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot be prouder of the Canisius Women's Basketball team. I especially want to applaud coach Terry Zeh. As a first year coach, he demands accountability from his players both on and off the court, and is a strong role model for the entire college community. I wish to also commend college president Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J., the coaching staff and players, and the student body for this Championship season. These women continue to be role models for young girls, and their wonderful accomplishment will inspire more girls to increase participation in athletics. I will be eagerly watching the team's first round game in the NCAA tournament as they proudly represent Canisius College on the national stage.